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REPORT.

PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS BY ORDERS ON THE
TOWN TREASURER.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State tax,	\$1292 00
Henry W. Furber, County tax,	\$2368 05
	\$3,660 05

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid John R. Downs,	District No. 1,	180 89
Samuel W. Roberts,	" 2,	302 88
Haven N. Cook,	" 3,	154 19
Andrew J. Robinson,	" 4,	185 75
John F. Garland,	" 5,	212 74
George W. Seward,	" 6,	153 49
Gilman P. Dore,	" 7,	126 00
Daniel S. Davis,	" 8,	139 50
Frank B. Drew,	" 9,	354 07
Brackett M. Weeks,	" 10,	140 00
Joseph H. Meserve,	" 11,	132 25
Charles E. Brackett,	" 12,	297 21
		\$2378 97

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Carrie P. Garvin, for surplies furnished Rhoda Whitehouse,	1 00
Rev. A. H. Thompson, for attending funeral of Daniel Copp,	1 00
Samuel F. Lane & F. P. Lang, for digging grave of Daniel Copp,	2 50
Samuel W. Roberts, for Adelaide Horn, Mrs. Asa Whitehouse and Rhoda Whitehouse,	3 00
Samuel W. Roberts, for Lyman Wentworth,	4 00
Jonathan M. Burley, for Rhoda Whitehouse,	8 50
P. O. Cottle, for Joseph Campnell, Asa Whitehouse, Rose Cole and Maurice Colbert,	13 50
M. A. Harmon, for Jonathan Young,	20 00
Jeremiah D. Butler, for board of Joseph Bradley,	41 14
Town of Barrington for George O. Emerson,	51 02
George A. Yeaton for J. E. Campnell, Rhoda Whitehouse and Mr. Danforth,	68 25
Ebenezer Garvin, for Daniel Copp,	145 49
County of Carroll, for support of Adelaide Horne,	56 00
Dr. M. A. Harmon, for Adelaide Horne,	15 25
County of Carroll, for Nason family,	201 00
	\$631 65

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Langley,	1 00
George Chick,	1 25
D. W. C. Wentworth,	1 25
Hanson P. Gilman,	1 45
John T. Varney,	2 08
Charles H. Varney,	2 25
John D. Waldron,	2 50
Edward H. Hutchins,	3 00
James Tuttle,	3 50

Orin H. Wentworth,	3 75
Jefferson Merrow,	4 06
W. S. Butler,	4 75
George W. Wyman,	5 00
William H. Perkins,	6 94
Nathan O. Weeks,	7 92
John C. Philbrick,	8 00
Thomas L. Wentworth,	8 12
P. O. Cottle,	9 43
Isaac D. Watson,	10 21
Luther P. Wiggin,	10 38
Aaron G. Young,	11 87
Jonathan M. Burlÿ,	10 75
Samuel G. Wentworth,	12 81
Hiram R. Waldron,	13 58
Samuel C. Horn,	17 60
Joseph Hanson,	18 60
John J. Horne,	20 15
J. M. & W. H. Horn,	22 25
Madison S. Wentworth,	20 25
Samuel F. Lane,	2 50
Washington Libbey,	1 75
Charles E. Brackett,	11 50
Eben Chapman,	5 72
John I. Sanborn,	13 75
Alvah Runnells,	5 12
Abraham L. Runnells,	3 50
William H. Willey,	53 36
	\$842 40

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid District No.	1, Alvah S. Garland, Surveyor,	94 38
	2, William A. Maleham, "	83 49
	3, James Tuttle, "	65 52
	4, John W. Mathews, "	96 72
	5, Hiram Paul, "	91 05
	6, Frank D. Sawyer, "	97 34
	7, John J. Horn, "	52 66
	8, Charles E. Brackett, "	113 28
	9, Andrew J. Robinson, "	80 92
	10, Brackett M. Weeks, "	67 94
	11, John C. Philbrick, "	27 24
	12, James L. Libbey, "	9 72
	13, Thomas Wentworth, "	52 56
	14, Edward Hutchins, "	57 60
	15, Samuel B. Ames, "	51 56
	16, Frank A. Dore, "	32 04
	17, Thomas Wood, "	78 72
	18, George H. Gage, "	47 76
	19, Daniel Campnell, "	75 28
	20, Washington Libbey, "	29 88
	21, Walter H. Mansur, "	29 46
	22, William H. Nevers, "	39 62
	23, James P. Fellows, "	120 24
	24, Jefferson Brown, "	76 20
	25, William Willey, 2d "	72 27
	26, Aaron N. Hanson, "	17 04
	27, Jonathan R. Gilman "	17 04
	28, John C. Waldron, "	49 59
	29, Jacob S. Adams, "	91 48
	30, Charles F. Rines, "	38 43
	31, Satchell Weeks, "	82 32
	32, Richard F. D. Sibley, "	111 18
	33, William H. Perkins, "	19 98
	34, Hiram R. Waldron, "	26 94

 \$2,097 45

NEW HIGHWAY AT WOLFBORO' JUNCTION.

Paid John J. Horn,	327 44
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TOWN BONDS AND COUPONS.

Paid John C. Penney, bond No. 3,	520 00
Burroughs Drew, bonds No. 10, \$52; 28, \$104;	
29, \$104; 30, \$104,	364 00
Lucy A. Hill, bonds No. 9, \$52; 27, \$104.	156 00
Interest coupons on bonds remaining unpaid,	482 00
	\$1522 00

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid George A. Yeaton, proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Congregational Society for the year ending March 1, 1884,	17 91
Hiram P. Mansur, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the F. B. Society for the year ending March 1, 1884,	8 95
Eliza Blake, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the Methodist Society for the year ending March 1, 1884,	8 95
John C. Philbrick, 1-2 proportion of interest on ministerial fund due the F. B. Society for the year ending March 1, 1883.	8 95
	\$44 76

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Paid Joseph C. Hill,	24
Mrs. J. W. Garvin,	1 20
Daniel W. Emerson,	3 60
Joseph H. Meserve,	9 00
	\$14 04

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Luther D. Sawyer,	1 00
George H. Gage,	1 00
Charles W. Sanborn,	2 00
Burrongs Drew,	6 04
Samuel W. Roberts,	6 25
William L. Foster,	10 00
Isaac N. Fellows,	10 00
John E. Scruton,	12 25
Asa M. Brackett,	25 00
Mayhew C. Clark,	105 98
	\$179 52

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Mayhew C. Clark, the following abatements
on tax List for the year 1883:

Joseph H. Avery, errors in assessment,	\$12 25
N. W. Blaisdell,	2 03
Plummer A. Brown, dog,	1 00
Joseph E. Campnell,	78
Eben Chapman,	1 00
George J. Cloutman,	1 45
Daniel S. Childs,	1 45

Colis Foster,	1 45
James A. Drew,	2 89
Ivory C. Drew,	1 45
Simeon Dyer,	8 12
John W. Evans, dog,	1 00
Asa M. Farnham,	3 98
Nathl. Garland, over 70,	1 45
John H. Glidden,	3 69
Charles Green,	1 45
Heirs Chesley Jenness,	1 77
Thomas H. Johnson,	3 10
Augustine Lovier,	1 45
Hugh McDonald,	1 45
Herschell Moulton, dog,	1 00
Samuel L. McDaniels,	4 45
James Moore,	11 60
Alby Merrill,	2 64
Heirs William Moulton, errors in assessment,	7 25
Joseph Legarry, dog,	1 00
Heirs James Perkins,	1 72
Richard F. D. Sib'ey, dog,	1 00
E. B. Farnham, dog,	2 00
Abraham Chick,	1 45
Robert C. McDaniels,	4 09
Otis Nason,	1 74
John S. Nason, paid in Mass.	1 45
John S. Philbrick,	1 45
James Palmer,	1 45
Henry A. Pike,	1 80
Samuel R. Perkins,	1 45
Edwin L. Piper,	1 45
Amon S. Reed,	2 90
Nelson Rollard, dog,	1 00
John G. Sanborn, loss by failures,	29 00
Joseph Sincere,	1 45
Heirs E. B. Tibbetts,	3 92
F. P. Thrasher,	1 45
Henry D. Tucker,	1 45

Edwin H. Wentworth,	2 45
Noah Wilkinson, dog,	2 00
William H. Willey, loss by fire,	1 81
Charles E. Woodman,	1 45
Asa Whitehouse,	2 34
Charles Wilson, dog,	1 00
Rosemandel Young, loss of ox,	72
Obed Young, paid in Wolfboro',	1 45
Piece of land adjoining land of H. & J. Paul,	86
Piece of land formerly taxed to Susan M. Hanson, errors in assessment,	2 06
	\$159 46

PUBLIC WATER.

Paid Jonathan R. Gilman,	3 00
Leander W. Laray,	3 00
Turner N. Seward,	3 00
John W. Mathews,	3 00
	\$12 00

SHEEP BILLS.

Paid Richard F. D. Sibley, 4 sheep killed by dogs	14 00
Joshua H. Cloutman, 3	10 50
Hiram Jones, 1	3 50
Charles F. Rines, 1	3 50
	\$31 50

BOUNTY ON CROWS.

Paid P. O. Cottle, 21 crows,	2 10
H. P. Gilman, 29,	2 90
George A. Yeaton, 85,	8 50
	\$13 50

STATIONERY & PRINTING.

Paid George A. Yeaton,	8 50
George S. Dorr,	25 00
Silsby & Son,	8 90
	\$37 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Satchell Weeks, Treasurer,	30 00
R. H. Pike, for C. H. Pike, Treasurer,	15 00
Haven N. Cook, S. S. Committee,	45 00
William Lloyd Himes,	3 71
George S. Dorr, Town Clerk,	25 80
J. H. Cloutman, Supervisor check list,	8 00
Gilman P. Dore, "	9 50
Luther D. Sawyer, "	6 00
Ebenezer Garvin, Auditor,	2 00
Henry H. Gilman, "	2 00
Mayhew C. Clark, Collector of Taxes,	83 00
George A. Yeaton, Selectman,	103 45
Phineas O. Cottle, "	58 90
Hanson P. Gilman, "	38 03
George H. Gage, "	14 00
	\$444 44

SUMS RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER FOR 1883.

Received of the Treasurer for 1882,	1307 53
“ Savings Bank tax,	882 43
“ Literary fund,	155 04
“ Railroad tax,	5 05
“ State for bounties paid,	25 30
“ County of Carroll,	57 56
“ John J. Horn,	2 38
“ John M. Horn,	32
“ Samuel C. Horn,	1 19
“ Burrows Drew, on note,	500 00
“ Kate V. Weeks,	300 00
“ Unworked Highway taxes for 1882,	11 66
“ Mayhew C. Clark, Collector for 1883, tax-	
“ list in full,	8784 99
	\$12,033 45

Whole amount received by the Treasurer,	\$12,033 45
“ paid out by orders on town Treasurer,	11,896 58
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$136 87

LIABILITIES.

Due the several school districts unexpended money for the year 1883,	256 35
The several school districts, interest on school fund for the year 1884,	44 75
The Freewill Baptist Society, one-half the proportion interest on ministerial fund from March 1, 1877, to March 1, 1883,	53 70

The several religious societies, interest on ministerial fund for the year ending March 1, 1885,	53 73
The Methodist Society, one-half the proportion of interest on ministerial fund for the year ending March 1, 1884,	8 95
Burrows Drew, May 1, 1834, on town bonds,	676 00
John C. Penney,	520 00
Sarah A. Hall,	1144 00
Charles C. Richards,	1404 00
Mark H. Wentworth,	1248 00
Joseph Maleham,	1248 00
Jacob Ballard,	624 00
Lucy A. Wiggin,	416 00
Lizzie Pike,	520 00
Eliza Blake,	520 00
Freeman D. Pike,	208 00
Mary A. Duntley,	416 00
Algernon S. Weeks,	208 00
Mary L. Perkins,	208 00
Susan A. Pike,	208 00
Almira Pike,	104 00
William A. Maleham,	364 00
Salome C. Weeks,	104 00
Hiram O. Stevens,	52 00
George F. Sceggell,	52 00
Mary C. Ballard,	104 00
Belle C. Fall,	156 00
Lucy N. Fall,	156 00
Lucy A. Hill,	52 00
Elsie T. Langley, Heirs,	728 00
George H. Gage,	208 00
Irena Wentworth, Heirs,	156 00
Mary Garland,	156 00
On interest coupons since May 1, 1882.	20 00
Burrows Drew, on town note,	500 00
Kate V. Weeks, “	300 00

\$13,197 48

BY MONEY DUE THE TOWN.

Due from the County of Carroll,	288 38
“ Treasurer, for 1883,	136 87
	\$425 25

Amount of liabilities,	\$13,197 48
Money due the town,	425 25
Balance against the town,	\$12,772 23

GEORGE A. YEATON,	} Selectmen of Wakefield.
PHINEHAS O. COTTLE,	
HANSON P. GILMAN,	

Wakefield, March 8, 1884.

We, the subscribers two of the auditors for the town of Wakefield having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and a voucher for each charge.

GEORGE H. GAGE,	} Auditors.
SIMON BLAKE,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

From Treasurer for 1882,	\$1307 53
County of Carroll,	57 56
John J. Horne,	2 70
Samuel C. Horne,	1 19
Highway taxes for 1882,	11 66
State Treasurer,	1067 82
Burrows Drew, on town note,	500 00
Katie V. Weeks, "	300 00
M. C. Clark, collector of taxes, 1883,	8784,99
Total,	\$12,033 45

PAID.

Paid State and County tax,	\$3660 05
School districts,	2378 97
Support of poor,	631 65
Highways and Bridges,	668 39
Breaking roads,	2097 45
Bonds and coupons,	1522 00
Religious Societies,	44 76
Outstanding bills,	42 04
Miscellaneous bills,	312 43
Sheep killed by dogs,	31 50
Bounties,	13 50
Watering places,	12 00
Printing & stationery,	37 40
Town officers,	444 44
Balance on hand,	136 87
	\$12,033 45

SACHELL WEEKS, Treasurer.

Wakefield, March 10, 1884.

We, the subscribers two of the auditors for the town of Wakefield having this day carefully examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, hereby report that we find them correctly cast and a voucher for each charge.

GEORGE H. GAGE, }
SIMON BLAKE, } Auditors.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
OF THE
TOWN OF WAKEFIELD,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1884.

The following district reports are as full as can be obtained from the school registers. Notwithstanding the pertinent strictures of your former superintendent, some of the teachers and district agents are delinquent in regard to furnishing the proper items and statistics from which these district reports are made. It should be sufficient reason for refusal of certificate to any teachers who may in future neglect their duty in this regard, as plainly indicated by the laws printed upon the covers of the school registers.

The district reports are as follows:

DISTRICT No. 1.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Annah M. Cotton. 8 weeks; 17 pupils—average, 15. Wages, \$50.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 5 weeks; 17 pupils—average, 16. Wages, \$31.25.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, John Gage. 13 weeks; 17 pupils—average, 16. Wages, \$78.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 26 weeks. Different pupils, 22. Daily average, 15. Wages, \$159.25. Current expenses, \$13.07. Cost per scholar, \$7.83. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.30. Total expended, \$172.32. Unexpended balance, \$1.62. Prud. Com., John R. Downs.

Miss Cotton taught well and gave good satisfaction to the district. Mr. Gage, although a novice in the art of teaching, kept a good school and has every reason to be satisfied with his first attempt of teaching.

DISTRICT No. 2.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Alice H. Maleham. 9 weeks; 20 pupils—average, 18. Wages, \$54.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 7 weeks; 22 pupils—average, 20. Wages, \$42.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Mr. Fordyce P. Cleaves. 12 weeks; 31 pupils—average, 28. Wages, —.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 28 weeks. Different pupils, 31. Daily average, 24. Wages, — (report incomplete.) Prud. Com., Dr. Samuel W. Roberts.

The teacher of the first and second terms had taught this school one term during the preceding year and gave general satisfaction to the district. Mr. Cleaves won the approbation of scholars, parents and all interested in this school. His methods of instruction were excellent, and by his energy and interest in the advancement of his pupils, they were animated by a lively interest in their studies, which was well sustained to the end of

the term. This school should be provided with a globe, outline maps and charts; in the hands of a skilful teacher, they are efficient aids, and in a school as large as this, with ample means, there is no good reason why they should not be furnished. More recitation seats are needed for the convenience of the school.

DISTRICT No. 3.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Wentworth. 8 weeks; 16 pupils—average, 15. Wages, \$48.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Addie Wentworth. 14 weeks; 22 pupils—average, 18. Wages, \$84.

TOTALS. Two Teachers; 22 weeks. Different scholars, 22. Daily average, 14. Wages, \$132. Current expenses \$8.25. Cost per scholar, \$7.79. Cost per week per scholar, \$0.35. Tax for repairs, \$10.00. Additional repairs, \$6.71. Curtains and fixtures, \$3.23. Total expended including tax, \$160 19. Unexpended balance, \$19.64. Due from town of Wolfboro', about \$3. Prud. Com., H. N. Cook.

The teacher of the first term had experience to aid her skill, and gave general satisfaction to the district. The teacher of the second term had less experience, yet her efforts were successful, and manifested an aptitude for teaching.

DISTRICT No. 4.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. Cora E. Deshon. 10 weeks; 14 pupils—average, 11. Wages, \$65.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss Mary S. Wentworth, 16 weeks; pupils, 13--average, 12. Wages, \$104.

TOTALS. Two teachers. 26 weeks. 16 different scholars. Daily average, 10. Wages \$169. Repairs, \$9.85. Current expenses \$6.90. Cost per scholar, \$10.99. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.42. Money unexpended, \$47.91. Prud. Com., A. J. Robinson.

Mrs. Deshon is well known as an excellent teacher. During the second term Miss Wentworth fully sustained the interest in this school, where there are some well advanced scholars.

DISTRICT No. 5.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Belle C. Fall. 9 weeks; pupils, 22—average, 21. Wages, \$63.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 20 weeks; pupils, 30—average, 26. Wages \$150.

TOTALS. One Teacher; 29 weeks. Different scholars 30. Daily average, 23. Wages, \$213. No returns for balance of report. Prud. Com., John F. Garland.

There is a high standard of scholarship in this school. The parents of the district are united in their efforts for the education of their children; and if they will provide a globe and wall maps, and in the future employ teachers as able and accomplished as the one they have had the present season, nothing will be wanting for the welfare of the school, and the rapid advancement of the scholars. One feature of the school is worthy of emulation in all our schools; the scholars have been taught vocal music. Their singing was harmonious and charming in an eminent degree.

DISTRICT No. 6.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mrs. G. W. Seward. 8 weeks; 13 pupils—average 12. Wages, \$36.80.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 15 weeks. 12 pupils—average, 10. Wages, \$99.

TOTALS. One teacher. 23 weeks; different pupils, 13. Daily average 11. Wages, \$135.80. (No returns for balance of report). Prud Com., G. W. Seward.

There are good scholars in this school, and they have made good progress under the instruction of Mrs. Seward.

DISTRICT No. 7.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Mabel G. Dore. 8 weeks; 10 pupils—average, 8. Wages, \$40.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Mrs. H. N. A. Bertsch; 12 weeks. 15 scholars—average, 12. Wages, \$78.

TOTALS. Two teachers. 20 weeks; 15 different scholars. Daily average, 10. No returns as to unexpended funds or current expense. Prud. Com., G. P. Dore.

This was Miss Dore's first essay at teaching, and she manifested much aptitude for the vocation. An earnest and animated manner in the school room kept the scholars wide awake to their duties. Miss Bertsch fully sustained her reputation as a good teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Etta C. Neal. 8 weeks; 17 scholars—average 13. Wages, *

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Miss. Sarah D. Weeks. 14 weeks; 19 pupils—average 15. Wages, \$87.50.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 22 weeks. Different pupils 19. Daily average 13, Wages, * Current expenses, \$8.20. Unexpended school money, \$97.63. Prud. Com., D. S. Davis.

* No returns.

During the first term of this school, I was able to make but one visit. Miss Neal was doing good work in the school, and gave satisfaction. Miss Weeks taught this school last year, and her services in this district are highly prized by parents and scholars; prompt, energetic and fully awake to the interests committed to her care, she taught with eminent success. There are scholars in this school studying Physiology, Latin, Philosophy, Geometry, Algebra, History and Composition.

DISTRICT No. 9.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Mr. Charles L. Wentworth. 8 weeks; 36 scholars—average 34. Wages, \$80.

SECOND TERM. Teacher, Mr. Charles L. Wentworth. 11 weeks; 47 scholars—average 39. Wages, \$123.75.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 11 weeks; 47 scholars—average, 39. Wages \$123.75.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher. 10 weeks; 43 scholars—average, 39. Wages, \$112.50.

TOTALS. One teacher. 29 weeks; different pupils, 47. Daily average 35. Wages \$316.25. Prud. Com., F. B. Drew.

The committee and guardians of the school in this district have chosen well and wisely; and were fortunate in securing the continued services of so eminent a teacher as Mr. Wentworth. He has the faculty of imparting instruction in a pleasing and attractive manner, which awakens an interest in the minds of his pupils, and their recitations are given promptly, as if it were a pleasure to recite. The examination shows that the scholars have been thoroughly taught, and they have well profited by their advantages. In teaching the younger scholars both tact and skill have been happily manifested. Many of the scholars are well advanced in their studies, and their improvement has been quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 10.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Kate V. Weeks. 10 weeks; 7 scholars. Wages, \$40.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 10 weeks; 9 scholars. Wages, \$40.

THIRD TERM. Same teacher; 8 weeks. 5 scholars. Wages, \$40.

TOTALS. One teacher 28 weeks. Different pupils, 9. Daily average, 6. Wages, \$120. Fuel, \$4.00. Cost per scholar, \$13.77. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.49. Unexpended balance, \$123.16. Prud. Com., Bracket Weeks.

The scholars in the school are all quite young. They are bright and learn very readily. I am able to report a degree of improvement that is very encouraging alike to teacher and parents.

DISTRICT No. 11.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Carrie B. Yorke. 8 weeks; 19 pupils—average, 18. Wages, \$38.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. (No report for this term on account of the illness of the teacher.)

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Mr. W. I. Weeks. 12 weeks; 13 pupils—average, 12. Wages, \$84.

Current expenses, \$9.50. Money unexpended, none.

The first term of this school was tolerably successful. The second term was shortened by the illness of the teacher. The third term was uninterrupted and prosperous. Mr. Weeks made a good beginning here; this being his first school, and he has fully met the expectation of all interested in the school. They have a good school house, and the scholars appreciate their advantages. Prud. Com., Joseph Meserve.

DISTRICT No. 12.

FIRST TERM. Teacher, Miss Mattie J. Moore. 9 weeks; 59 scholars—average, 55. Wages, \$81.

SECOND TERM. Same teacher. 8 weeks; 66 scholars—average, 59. Wages, \$72.

THIRD TERM. Teacher, Mr. G. W. Davis. 11 weeks; 59 pupils—average, 55. Wages, \$137.50.

TOTALS. Two teachers; 28 weeks. Different pupils, 66. Daily average, 53. Wages, \$290.50. Current expenses, (no returns.) Cost per scholar, nearly \$4.40. Cost per week, per scholar, \$0.16. Prud. Com., Charles E. Brackett.

During the first and second terms of this important school, Miss Moore was fairly successful, and was well liked by the pupils. She was faithful and unremitting in her efforts for their advancement.

The task of properly governing and teaching an ungraded school so large as this, is an arduous one. The best interests of the school require a teacher of indomitable energy, and large experience. Mr. Davis was fully equal to the task. The school under his tuition was prosperous and eminently successful. His government of the school was perfect, and I think that the scholars fully appreciate his efforts in their behalf. The recitations proved that, what the scholars had studied, they had thoroughly learned, and they knew well how to recite. The manner and methods of instruction at once pleased and interested the scholars; they thought quickly and answered promptly. The exercises in select reading and composition were especially pleasing, and showed great improvement in those important branches of education.

No avocation, calling or profession is more honorable than that of the school teacher. The record of their deeds may or may not be blazoned upon the scroll of fame, but their influence is graven on the susceptible mind and character of the youth of our country in characters that time cannot efface. How important then it is that the teacher, when he enters the school room, should have an appreciative sense of the responsibility and dignity of his position. The teacher who works merely for his wages is unworthy, and cannot be a good teacher. Great interests are committed to his or her charge, and the opportunity for doing good is so great that all paltry considerations are insignificant in comparison.

I have to thank both teachers and scholars for the uniform courtesy that has characterized all our intercourse during the past year.

In regard to the text-books in use, I have made no changes, none were needed. I found some of the teachers so deficient in the knowledge of history, that I thought more attention should be given to it. I accordingly have introduced a child's history of the United States into a majority of the schools; and some four dozen of the younger scholars can give pleasing recitations from the history of our country.

By some recent enactments of our state legislature additional importance is given to the study of Physiology, which no doubt will be duly recognized by my successor.

Respectfully submitted to the people of Wakefield.

HAVEN N. COOK.

March 5, 1884.

